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### **PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **MAY 5, 2016**

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on May 5, 2016 at 9:38 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

William Green, MS, LRC, Committee Chair  
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Vice-Chair  
Diane Licht, MA, LPC, Committee Member  
Peter Economou, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member  
Dana Kaspereen, Ph.D., LPC, LCADC, Committee Member

##### **Excused:**

W. Michael Shea, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member

##### **Also Present:**

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General  
Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director  
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff  
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Confidential Assistant

#### ***Committee Vice-Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:***

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

*On a motion by made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to approve the April 7, 2016 public minutes as presented. Voting in favor: all.*

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Committee Chair William Green thanked Terri Goldberg, Assistant Deputy Director, for her time and service working with the Committee and wished her good luck on her new position as a Manager of Facilities and Support Services in Trenton.

The following members of the public were present:

Kevin Capriolo, Montclair State University - School Clinician  
Annette Vaccaro - Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis - Director  
Emily Horvath - Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis - Intern  
Edina Renfro-Michel Montclair State University - Associate Professor  
Randy Clark, NJCA - President of NJCA  
Christine Groelly - Montclair State University - Student  
Elaine Chu - Montclair State University - Student  
Lauren Spinella - Montclair State University - Student  
Laurie Zelman - Montclair State University - Student

**V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 5,617 total active licenses (Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Associate Counselors and Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors.) Currently there are 1,463 applications and 33 reinstatements pending.

\* Pending applications include applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting on exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

**VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

**A. Assembly Bill 3338**

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 3338 which seeks to establish animal cruelty offense of animal hoarding; requires mental health counseling for all animal cruelty offenders.

*Upon motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Committee voted to support the bill with language added to include LPC's, LMFT's and LCADC's. Voting in favor: all.*

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

*No items to review.*

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Waiver Rules Discussion - Dr. Economou**

Dr. Economou discussed with the Committee that the current regulations do not address licenses issued outside of the United States.

The requirements for licensure as an LAC are a sixty (60) credit masters in counseling with the word "counselor" or "counseling" in the title, and a passing score on the NCE exam. If the applicant has completed those requirements, the Committee can review the supervision completed outside the country for fulfillment of the required 4,500 hours on a case by case basis.

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Lisa Richardson**

The Committee reviewed the email and correspondence regarding internet supervision. *Upon motion made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to inform Ms. Richardson that the regulations currently require face to face supervision and do not address internet supervision. In addition, the Committee does not approve platforms. Voting in favor: all.*

**X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION**

William (Randy) Clark, LPC, LCADC, President - NJCA, thanked Committee members Mr. Green, Ms. Litch, and Dr. Economou for presenting at the annual NJPA conference held in April.

**XII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Regulations Sub-Committee:**

*The Sub-Committee completed its initial review for Sunset in 2016. The draft has been reviewed and approved, and will go before the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners for final approval at its May 12, 2016 meeting.*

**B. Internet Therapy Counseling:**

Assistant Deputy Director Terry Goldberg is assisting the PC Sub-Committee on internet therapy counseling by assigning Stephen C. Tighe, an intern, to compile all available data on statutes and regulations on internet therapy. Mr. Tighe should have a draft for review by the Committee for its June 2, 2016 meeting. The Committee also suggested having an outside consultant or expert that has previously worked on developing regulations for teletherapy health to come and discuss the details with the Committee.

There are currently eight (8) proposed bills for medicaid and telemental health in New Jersey, and they are: A 3423; S 1048; A 2668; S 291; A 1464; A 1457; S 1204; A 2161.

**XIII. FILED ORDERS**

*No items to review.*

**XIV. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 7, 2016.

**Meeting Dates for 2016**

July 7, 2016

August 7, 2016

September 1, 2016

October 6, 2016

November 3, 2016

December 1, 2016

**XV. APPLICATION REVIEW:**

**National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval**

Barksdale, Heather  
Candia, Jacqueline  
Choniellall, Rovin  
Cito, Danielle  
Fields-Williams, Kali  
Garner, Ashley  
Mano, Sayonara  
Obermiller, Jennifer  
Tsilova, Jane  
Wozniak, Christina  
Grau, Dennis

**Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval**

Aguilar, Cindy  
Altomare, Edith  
Amos, Kara  
Angrisani, Brittany  
Baylies, Nicole  
Cantwell, Alexander  
Clark, Lauren  
Colon, Sheila  
Eakins, Sarah  
Fedeli, Christine  
Giangrasso, Jessica  
Giubilo, Amy  
Guiliano, Robert  
Hipp, Christina  
Jerram, Melissa  
Kerr, Karen  
Laughery, Colleen  
Leibowitz, Ellen  
Lopez, Gabriela  
Lynch, Heather  
Mendez, Nereida  
Nicotra, Alexandra  
Oliver, Kayleen  
O'Neill, Joseph  
Peppe, Brett  
Pfaff, Elizabeth  
Randolph, Doreen  
Raba, Caroline  
Roberts, Tjurra  
Sirota, Amanda  
Shapiro-Bercovich, Masha  
Steib, Leslie

Tynes-Labonte, Gabrielle  
Yake, Andrew

**Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval**

Abada, Maria  
Boston, Nicole  
Caffrey, Kristel  
Conway, Kathleen  
Coyle, Maria  
Curran, Vicki  
Della Penna, John  
Fleyshman, Yevgenya  
Griffin, Cynthia  
Jones, Herbert  
Mancini, Roseann  
Marques, Suzelle  
Mastromonica, Kari  
Mathisen, Jaclyn  
McPhoy-Farrell, Tessa  
Moss, Geraldine  
Neals, Stacia  
Oleske, Joanne  
Panchal, Reena  
Papaleo, Rosemarie  
Pearlman, Jennifer  
Piernik, Jessica  
Pirnos, Melissa  
Rainer, Meredith  
Rosenberg, Linda  
Sanchez, Veronica  
Simensen, John  
Sullivan, Stephanie  
Vander Valk, Elizabeth  
Weiss, Nachum  
Williams, Mona  
Zaneto, Lisa

**XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon motion made by Diane Licht, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 10:25 a.m. for review of applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all.*

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

*On a motion made by William Green, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 1:50 p.m. Voting in favor: all.*